

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

JANE DOE 7,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	Cause No: 1:20CV000172-JAR
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	)	
UNIVERSITY and SEMO DEPARTMENT	)	
OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	)	
JYOTHI DIRNBERGER	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR CONTINUED SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

Plaintiff, Jane Doe 7 files this Memorandum in support of her request to keep documents in this case sealed. Certain documents in this matter were filed under seal in order to protect the Plaintiff’s identity and personal information.

On August 12, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Motion to proceed in this matter under a pseudo name. Doc 1-3. Plaintiff sought a protective order prohibiting the parties from revealing Plaintiff’s identity or identifying information. Doc 1-3. On August 14, 2020, this Court granted Plaintiff’s motion and entered the protective order that Plaintiff requested. Doc 4.

Pursuant to that order, Plaintiff has been permitted to file certain documents under seal. This matter concluded and Plaintiff makes a request to continue to protect Plaintiff’s identity and personal information with an order from the court continuing to seal these documents.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) states that “the court may, for good cause, issue an order to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense.” There is also judicially espoused authority granting judges this discretion if there is

good cause. In Doe v. City of Chicago, 360 F.2d 667, 669 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir 2004), the Seventh Circuit explained that although judicial proceedings generally are supposed to be open, the presumption of openness can be rebutted for good cause shown.

There is good cause to allow Plaintiff to have continuing protection. This is because Plaintiff is a sexual assault victim and revealing her identity and personal information has the potential to embarrass or humiliate the Plaintiff. Allowing such information to be public would oppress and embarrass the Plaintiff in this matter and potential future Plaintiffs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that this Court continue to seal sensitive documents in this matter indefinitely.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 10, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following attorneys of record:

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